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In the Specification:

On page 6, lines 5-30, please substitute the following amended paragraph providing explanatory text, as required by the Examiner. The amendment includes no new matter and is fully supported in the application as filed.

Those skilled in the game of golf understand that golfers will stand at different distances from the ball in preparation for taking a swing, depending on the height of the golfer. Additionally, the angle at which the golfer views the ball will also vary according to the golfer's height, or according to the length of the golf club being used. Therefore, the present invention provides for raising or lowering the placement of a golf ball 16 within the curved reflector 14, as illustrated in FIG. 1, to allow for positional adjustment of the image 18 produced. This adjustment is preferably made by having the golf ball 16 mounted on a tee 28 which can be manually adjusted. The tee 28 may comprise a threaded member, as shown in FIG. 1, that allows raising or lowering the golf ball 16 in small increments within the reflector. It should be understood that the position where the image 18 appears is also dependent upon the exact geometry of the curved reflector 14, and it may be desirable to provide the golf swing practice apparatus having a reflector geometry especially configured for short, medium, and tall golfers. Further, as shown in FIG. 1, the invention also provides for tilting the reflector 14, which is adjustably supported on a member which may be an axle, by manipulating the handle of lever 30, allowing adjustment of the position of the image 18 particularly for use with irons, since these clubs require that the golfer stand closer to the ball for a proper swing.